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Then came the time when the men had to do a lot of trail building. The chiefs told all the women, even the widows, to cook and go with the men to work on the trail. Kolpada went with Langmai. She said to him, "Go cut wood and give it to my mother and father." So he did. I was still sleeping in the house with a fever. They didn't give me even a little of the wood. Kolpada took it all and gave it to her parents, all of it. She didn't say, "Give a little of it to your first wife." When Langmai went to do trail work, she cooked his provisions for him. [Kolmani lifted her eyebrows, rolled her eyes, and looked outraged.] I spoke to Langmai, saying, "Your wife cooked food and followed you. Now when taxes are due, she can take things to Kaiabahi to sell and raise tax money for you." I ran away to stay with my uncle Padalang. I stayed four months. [Stop.] When the work was finished, Langmai came back.

Meanwhile the husband of his "sister" at Riye had died and she had married her brother-in-law. She stayed with him until her body got thin, and then she came back here. [She was apparently ill treated.] Her husband followed her. Langmai at this time had caught some shrimps and was sitting by the trail cooking them when this husband, Malbata, came along. He asked, "Is this Langmai who sits here?" Langmai said it was. Malbata said, "Give me back my bride-price." Langmai said, "I didn't drag your wife here. She came herself." Then they fought back and forth until they were tired out and couldn't fight any more. Malbata tied the tail of Langmai's loincloth to his own and said, "Now we shall sit here together until you pay my expenses."[Stop.] At that time I wanted to go to Ruulmelang, but Malbata's first wife came along and said, "Who is that woman? Perhaps it is Langmai's wife. People say he is married to a widow now [his "sister"], so we had better catch his first wife and marry her to another man for the three moko her husband owes us." I ran away. My uncle Padalang said to her, "You must not take her [Kolmani] away. I shall look for a husband for her. When her bride-price comes in, I shall pay it to you." He was lying, but I did not know that. Padalang then went with Malbata's wife to litigate before the chief of Hatoberka. I ran away. Langmai was called to the litigation, and again the two sat down and tied the tails of their loincloths together. [Stop.] Malbata had given the chief of Hatoberka a chicken and a Fatafa moko so the chief would pass judgment in his favor. The chief did not want to tie up Langmai, because he was his Male House. So the chief said, "He is my Male House and I do not want to tie him up. You had better tie him up yourself and take him to